

After the middle of October, and on till the middle of November, is the best time for all sorts of fruiting plants, or other trees with the exceptions stated in another article.

In the first place, if you buy your trees and the nursery from which you get them is not at all likely to be a success. If you buy from a nursery, you will get a good supply of unbroken roots, fine as well as sturdy; and if a set of seedlings, obtained from a nursery, is to do the work, and will not take them out properly, which is sometimes the case at the time of the season, just before the trees are at all, and must be good trees; if such are what you buy and pay for. Or if you send for your trees, and find, on unpacking them, some are defective in either root, trunk, or top, throw them aside at once. They will either not grow, or make unsatisfactory plants, which will cost you. These should be deducted from your bill—no more, better lose them at the first than lose your labor and time in trying to cultivate at all what will never be satisfactory.

Secondly, Plant now, but good, well-tried varieties of whatever you grow. These are the varieties which have been tried and tested, and which have been found to be successful in a distant locality and in a different soil. In this regard we speak principally of the tree fruits, as apples, peaches, cherries, plums, etc. The small, or shrubby fruits, which are more universal growers than the others.

Thirdly, Never plant in poor land, nor in an unimproved soil. You might as well take a thrifty sucking calf from the farm and turn it upon a barren, rocky, and cold water, and expect it to grow, as to try to grow the highly cultivated soil of nursery and set it out with its roots to seed on a leechy garden, a hilly road, or a sandy slope. If you have a good soil, and a good water, and expect it to grow, as to try to grow the highly cultivated soil of nursery and set it out with its roots to seed on a leechy garden, a hilly road, or a sandy slope.

Fourthly, Cultivate the orchard with any sort of crop you like, but in cases of artificial drainage and manuring may be resorted to on a limited scale. We refer to the best natural land for growing fruit largely.

Fifth, We do not recommend laying down orchards into mowing grass, for hay, until the grass is grown to a height of six or eight inches; then mow it, and let it lie for a week or two, and then mow it again. This will keep the ground loose, and the grass will grow better. We refer to the best natural land for growing fruit largely.

Sixth, Never let grown cattle nor horses into the orchard; and keep the branches trimmed at a moderate height from the ground, to let the wind and air sweep freely beneath them. Trees require a dry, free atmosphere to thrive and be healthy, particularly fruit trees, which are constitutionally made to require it.

Seventh, Keep your trees pruned into free, open tops, giving them uniform shape, as near as possible, and supplied with abundance of bearing wood, and for all this, but little pruning or cutting away is necessary. The main requirement being to keep the small, thrifty, upright growing limbs, which are mere suckers to draw off the sap from the lateral and fruit bearing branches.

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MATrimonIAL BROKERAGE IN THE METROPOLIS.

From the New York Evening Post.

In the fall of 1857, a young country merchant, not altogether ignorant of the ways of the city, and by no means averse to adventures, came here to get the latest supply of dry goods. Having made his purchases, and being in no especial haste to return, he determined to visit a matrimonial office, the advertisement of which he had seen, and which struck him as exceedingly curious.

He repaired to the place indicated in the paper, paid the usual fee of five dollars, and made the following entry:

"John Quincy Jenkins, a dry-goods merchant of Memphis, Tennessee, twenty-five years of age, five feet nine inches high, black eyes and hair, and domestic tastes, desires to form the acquaintance of a lady, twenty-two to twenty-five years of age, with a view to matrimony. She must be of affectionate disposition, accomplished, intelligent, and handsome. Name is immaterial. Money is no object, the advertiser having a lucrative business."

The merchant was assured by the broker that she had just such a person upon her list at that moment; and that if he would call at five o'clock that afternoon, he should see her.

The adventuress, Jenkins, being of a somewhat suspicious disposition, feared foul play; and, when the appointed hour arrived, went to the matrimonial office with a six shooter, well loaded in his pocket, more than half expecting to defend himself against robbers and assassins.

But the enemy he encountered was not of this kind. He was introduced to a woman with black eyes and hair, and a pair of teeth, delicate hands, fine form, and domestic tastes, and rather handsome face. Her dress was appropriate and her manner modest.

But it was not the adventuress Jenkins had anticipated nothing of the sort. He had supposed that if the lady introduced to him at all, he would be introduced to a woman of a different kind. He was introduced to a woman with black eyes and hair, and a pair of teeth, delicate hands, fine form, and domestic tastes, and rather handsome face. Her dress was appropriate and her manner modest.

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He now observed that his new friend appeared somewhat embarrassed. She did not answer directly, and Jenkins walked to the door. She followed with hesitating steps, but finally seized him frantically by the hand, and drawing him back, stammered, rather than spoke, as follows:

"You—sir—you ask if you shall call again. It will give me pleasure to have you so—this is—sir—I have—something—to—say. You will excuse me—but I know you are generous, and can appreciate my position."

"A profound sigh, and Della, staggering to the piano, placed her head in her hands and wept."

"Madam," said Jenkins, "I trust I can appreciate what you wish to say; and if I can be of service to you in any way, you have only to show me how."

She restrained her tears, and proceeded:

"I will be frank with you, sir—that is [sighs and tears]—I will try to tell you—will you forgive me if it is wrong?"

"Certainly—it cannot be wrong," Jenkins answered, considerably excited by the unexpected scene. "Tell me frankly; I assure you it will give me pleasure to serve you."

"What is it, Della?" said Jenkins, for the first time calling her by her Christian name.

"You will be frank as I am, will you not?"

"Yes."

"Well, then—whether you come again or not depends upon yourself."

"Then I shall certainly come."

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